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- 11. (SBU) PolOff delivered reftel demarches on anti-Israel bias in resolutions dealing with Lebanon and resolutions extending the mandate of three anti-Israel entities to MFA Director General for Multilateral Affairs Lourdes Puma on October 31. Puma said Ecuador had always supported the entities listed in Ref A and would continue to vote in favor of extending their mandate. Instructions had been sent to Ecuador's NY PermRep Diego Cordova in this regard. Puma thanked us for USG views, saying the GOE was always willing to review its position and would take our views into account.
- 11. (SBU) With respect to the resolutions on Lebanon introduced by Cuba (Ref B), Puma professed that she had no knowledge of them and would review the text provided by PolOff. In a follow-up meeting on November 8, Puma said that Ecuador was hopeful that negotiations with the European Union would insert some "equilibrium" into the resolutions. When pressed as to whether Ecuador would support the resolutions as written, Puma said that certainly Ecuador could not vote against the Lebanese children and added that Ecuador supports the activities of the Non-Aligned Movement. She again reiterated, however, that she was hopeful the negotiations over the language would balance the resolutions.

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